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The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) Mercury is a persistent and toxic pollutant that bioaccumulates in the environment;
- (2) Consumption of mercury–contaminated fish poses a significant health threat;
- (3) Combustion of municipal and other solid waste is a source of mercury pollution;
- (4) Both industry and government are working to reduce the content of mercury in products and to control the release of mercury into the environment;
- (5) Accidental mercury spills, breakages, and releases have occurred at schools in the United States, exposing students, teachers, and administrators to mercury emissions; and
- (6) Removal of mercury and mercury–containing products from the waste stream prior to combustion or disposal is an effective way to reduce mercury pollution.

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